REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 11, 2007, has been received and carefully considered. Claims 7, 9, 15, 23, 31-33 are pending in the application, with claims 7 and 23 being the independent claims. Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, 16-22, 24-30, 34-40, and 42-43 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In an effort to advance prosecution of this matter, Applicants have incorporated allowable subject matter into independent claims 7 and 23. In view of these amendments, Applicants traverse all pending rejections, and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Pending Rejections

On pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 7, 15-17, 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Honnsbeen.

On pages 3-4, the Office Action rejects claims 23 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Honnsbeen and Lam et al.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

On page 4, the Office Action objects to claims 8, 9, 39 and 41 as being dependent upon a rejected claim and indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. By this amendment, Applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter into the independent claims, thus rendering the above-noted rejections moot.

The Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Should Be Withdrawn

On pages 2-3, the Office Action rejects claims 7, 15-17, 42 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Honnsbeen. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. As noted above, claim 7 has been amended to include allowable subject matter. Claims 42 and 43 have been cancelled. Thus, this rejection is moot and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

The Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Should Be Withdrawn

On pages 3-4, the Office Action rejects claims 23 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Honnsbeen and Lam *et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. As noted above, claim 23 has been amended to include allowable subject matter. Claims 31-33 are dependent from an allowable claim. Thus, this rejection is moot and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application and all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

No fees are believed to be due with this response. Should any fees be due, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any such fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account 50-0206.

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